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Amendment/Response

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In re application of:

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Art Unit 1637

Examiner: Horlick, K.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment/response is in response to an Office Action mailed 08/23/2004, with shortened statutory period set to expire on 11/23/2004. One month from 11/23/2004 is December 23, 2004; one month extension under rule 1.136(a) is respectfully requested. Small entity one month extension fee under 1.136(a) is enclosed.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begins on page 8 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 15 of this paper.